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HILL CONTACT Jill Kolbe - Caseworker, Austin office (512) 482-5834

COMMITTEE/MEMBER Senator Lloyd Bentsen

SUBJECT Allegations Against CIA

ACTION OFFICER [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: Senator Bentsen's office sent in a second query (dated 7 October) asking for response to earlier one - dated 5 August (received here 12 August).

I called Jill Kolbe to apologize for the late response and gave her date letter was signed and advised contents of the letter. I explained to her that we had wanted to do a thorough check of our records to make sure there was no CIA involvement.

Jill was grateful for the courtesy of our special call, understood our situation and thanked CIA for also suggesting other agencies she might contact.

No written response necessary.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

None.

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The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
United States Senate
912 Federal Building
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Senator Bentsen:

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This is in response to your letter of 5 August 1983 to
Mr. Casey concerning your constituents, [redacted]
[redacted] who believe they are being surveilled by the
United States Government.

A search of Agency records indicates that the Central Intelligence Agency has no knowledge of, or interest in, any of the individuals or the company cited in the correspondence you forwarded to us for review and comment. You may wish to refer this matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and/or the Department of the Treasury (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) for their review, if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

/s/

Clair E. George
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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Per my telecon, please respond directly to Senator Benton. PLS. Send copy of response to ES.

D/ Executive Secretary

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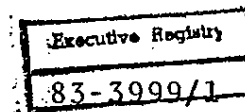
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Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing in reference to my inquiry to which I have received no reply. I have enclosed a copy of my constituent's letter for your reference.

I would appreciate any information you can provide in this regard.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Bentsen

Enclosure

PLEASE REPLY TO:

912 Federal Building
Austin, Texas 78701
ATTN: Jill Kolbe



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Senator Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen:

I enjoyed having the opportunity to visit with you at dinner Sunday night.

Pursuant to your request, I am writing this letter to solicit your help in verifying that government agents have been assigned to "tail" two of my clients, [redacted] and [redacted]. As I mentioned to you in our discussion, [redacted] and [redacted] have been engaged in the threshold technology of a new science involving a stable silicon hydride solution. Their experimentation has given rise to several new and potentially enormously valuable breakthroughs in the areas of thin-film depositions in the electronics and space industry, laser technology, and the control and disposition of hazardous wastes, including nuclear wastes. The significance of their knowledge and technology has caused a certain degree of self-admitted paranoia on the part of [redacted].

[redacted] had noticed for some time during the May-June period that an individual, with a clean cut appearance, wearing a coat and tie and driving a green car with blackwall tires, had been following him, or at least frequenting the same restaurants for breakfast and lunch. After asking a few questions of the proprietors of the establishments (the answers to which justified the questions), [redacted] approached one of these individuals and asked if the individual was tailing him. The individual refused to directly respond to the question. Additionally, [redacted] asked him if he worked for the government. Again the individual refused to respond to his question. The only information that the individual would offer to [redacted] was that he did not represent any threat to him and that [redacted] should not be concerned by his presence.

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[redacted] himself had previously been a member of the Military Intelligence in 1964-66. [redacted] made some inquiries to an acquaintance, [redacted] an individual living in Dallas, Texas operating an automatic weapons company called The [redacted] who claimed to have inside information on government interest in the new technology, and in [redacted] individually. [redacted] told [redacted] in several conversations that through his government contacts he had verified that the individuals were government agents sent to protect [redacted] and confirmed the mysterious individual's assertion that there was no cause for alarm. [redacted] claimed that the government interest originated in California from research performed on the [redacted] technology by [redacted] an associate of [redacted] who was reportedly included in the surveillance. Although this conversation was of some comfort, [redacted] is only a casual acquaintance of [redacted] and has personal pecuniary interest in the new technology and the processes derived therefrom.

The purpose of this letter is to seek verification that the United States government did assign individuals to cover [redacted] with a view toward protecting them and/or their new technology. Although we are attempting to take all possible care to protect the confidentiality of the technology and processes derived therefrom, it is the intent of [redacted] and [redacted] through a business entity, [redacted] located at [redacted] to exploit the economic value of their new technology. In that connection, they are discussing the possible sale or exploitation of different aspects of the technology with individuals and business entities in various fields. We have absolutely no interest in discussing the technology or the possible exploitation thereof with any individual who would or might create a problem for the United States government. In fact, in the area of nuclear waste disposal, we may be seeking the government's help in obtaining an expedited testing of our process through [redacted] which is the government authorized testing laboratory.

Senator, we sincerely appreciate your courtesy and cooperation in entertaining our inquiry and helping us to obtain the identity of these mysterious individuals. If I may answer

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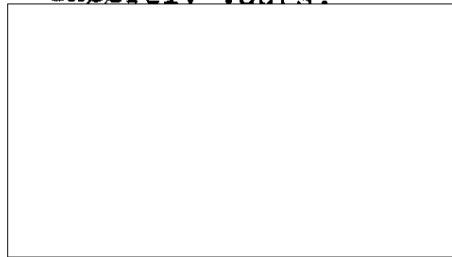
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any further questions you have, or provide any additional information regarding our request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours.



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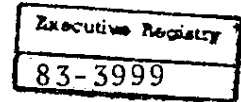
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Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed for your review is a copy of a letter I have
received from [redacted] of Houston, Texas.

I would certainly appreciate your assistance in verifying the U.S. Government's involvement or noninvolvement in this matter, or any information you may be able to provide regarding the situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lloyd Bentsen".

Lloyd Bentsen

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